

CHICAGO FIRM
FOUND GUILTY

Of Selling Diluted Maple Sugar Which Was Misbranded

JURY WAS OUT 22 MINUTES

Labels Stated That Product Contained 40 Per Cent. of Maple Sugar and Government Experts Say It Was Less Than 15 Per Cent.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 27.—John A. Tolman & company, wholesale grocers, 4 Lake street, were found guilty of violating the pure food and drug laws by a jury in the United States district court, after being out twenty-two minutes Saturday.

The company was charged with selling diluted maple syrup, which was misbranded. The label on the cans said that the syrup contained 60 per cent. of sugar and 40 per cent. maple syrup. Government experts testified that there was only between 10 and 15 per cent. maple syrup. Violators of the law are subject to a fine, not to exceed \$200.

DROWN LOCKED
IN TROLLEY CAR

Vehicle Jumps Track by River Side and Plunges Through Ice—Motorman and Conductor in Vestibule.

Seymour, Ct., Dec. 27.—A trolley car jumped a switch on the route alongside the Naugatuck river, a mile above this place, during the storm yesterday, and plunging down the bank, crashed through the ice, and motorman Fred Beard and conductor Marcus Donovan, who were in the enclosed forward vestibule, were drowned.

The passengers were Miss Alvida Peterson of Waterbury, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Madison of Beacon Falls and two men who did not give their names.

The car went down the 40-foot embankment, the forward end crashing through the ice and resting on the bottom of the river. Beard was 36 years old and married. Donovan was unmarried.

PORTLAND MAN
WAS ASSAULTED

James P. Cummings Walked Home with Two Girls and Was Attacked Later by Three Men.

Portland, Me., Dec. 27.—Last evening James P. Cummings was met on Congress street by two young women, with whom he was acquainted. They complained that three Italians had been following them.

He went with them to their home and turned back. As he did so, he met the Italians. Without saying a word, one drew a knife and struck at him. He closed with his assailant and succeeded in taking the knife from him.

One of the others took no part in the trouble, but the third man drew a revolver and fired three times, and the last shot went through Cummings' hat. The Italians were arrested, and at the police station a revolver was found in the possession of a man of 22, who gave his name as Antonio Porcira, and who admitted to Cummings that he fired at Cummings.

"He said something I did not like," he said.

The man from whom Cummings took the knife gave his name as Carmine Fedrico, and they were both identified by Cummings, who said that the Italian who fired at him was not over six feet distant at the time, and that the revolver was almost in his face when the last shot was fired.

FALLS AND PUTS OUT FIRE.

Wakefield Girl, Fleeting, Tumbles over Buring Oil Stove.

Boston, Dec. 27.—Martin McManamin of 14 Lake street, Wakefield, was badly burned about the face and hands, while attempting to extinguish a fire in his home at an early hour yesterday morning.

The fire is supposed to have started from an oil stove explosion. Several girls were in the house and the night-gown of one caught fire. She started to run downstairs, but tripped and fell. The fall apparently saved her from being badly burned, for although she was slightly bruised, the fire was extinguished.

PAYS BACK TAXES.

White River Valley Railroad Sends in a Check.

Burlington, Dec. 27.—State Tax Commissioner J. E. Cushman has just received a check for \$688.37 in payment for taxes on the White River Valley railroad up to the time the road was sold and reorganized under the name of the White River railroad, covering the period from 1901 to 1902 on the gross earnings and the annual tax from 1901 to 1904. A hearing on this question was held in New York City last fall, at which Attorney-General Sargent appeared for the state.

John Kennedy of Fair Haven was ordained to the priesthood of the Roman Catholic church by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Thomas Burke of the diocese of Albany, Friday. He will be assigned to some parish in the diocese of Burlington in a few weeks.

REPAIRING THE DAMAGE.

Trustees of State Hospital for Insane Express Gratitude.

Waterbury, Dec. 27.—Work of repairing the burned portion of the state insane asylum will be hurried as much as possible to relieve the crowded conditions due to the necessity of putting the 105 patients in that wing of the building into other parts. The first and second wards will be ready for occupancy in a week, it is expected.

The asylum trustees, D. D. Bartlett, C. H. A. Stafford and C. A. Calderwood, have issued the following statement:

"The trustees of the Vermont state hospital for the insane, wish to express their thanks to Mr. S. W. Gupit, chief of the Waterbury fire department, and his men, who responded so quickly and did such noble work, to the citizens of Waterbury, who came to the rescue; to the superintendent, Don D. Grout, and hospital staff and employees, who so nobly and efficiently directed the removal of the patients to safer quarters, without injury or loss of life of the patients entrusted to their care, at the hospital fire on December 24th, 1901."

H. H. CHITTENDEN DEAD.

Died in Burlington Yesterday, Funeral To-morrow.

Burlington, Dec. 27.—Horace Hatch Chittenden, son of the late Lucius E. Chittenden, register of the treasury under President Lincoln, died in this city yesterday morning. He was born in Burlington January 24, 1855. After graduating from Yale college in 1874, he entered Columbia law school in New York City. On completing his course there he began the practice of his profession in that city, where he was for many years a member of the firm of which his father was senior partner. Mr. Chittenden married, October 11, 1877, Miss Bertha B. Peters of New York City, and in 1902 he moved to Burlington, where he has since resided. He is survived by his wife and two sons, George P. and Gerald Chittenden, and two sisters, Mrs. Mary C. Bradford of this city and Mrs. Frederick B. Richards of Boston. The funeral services will be held at his late residence, 58 South Willard street, Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock, the interment to be at the convenience of the family in Lake View cemetery.

LANKY BOB FLOORED
IN 12TH ROUND

Bill Lang, the Australian Heavy-weight, was too Much for the Veteran, Who Went Down Before 12000 People.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 27.—Bill Lang, the Australian heavy-weight champion, knocked out Bob Fitzsimmons in the 12th round of their fight at Rushcutters bay stadium today. The fight was evenly contested up to the last round when Lang forced Fitz to the ropes, knocked him down with a right hand blow to the jaw and when he arose sent him to the floor senseless from a right hand upper cut.

Fitz did not appear in the ring in Australian since he left here for the United States many years ago, and when he climbed through the ropes today he was given an enthusiastic reception. The veteran looked to be in splendid condition after his long period of inactivity for today's fight.

The fight opened rather tamely, Lang showing extreme nervousness. He was freely hooted for holding in the clinches and frequently butting his opponent and refusing to break clean. Fitzsimmons, on the contrary fought cleanly and quickly became the favorite with the crowd.

As the fight progressed, Lang regained confidence and forced the pace, but Fitzsimmons cleverly evaded his rushes and frequently landed good blows on the face and body. In a hot rally in the 11th round, Fitz cut Lang's right eye severely with a left hand punch.

When the 12th and last round opened, Lang rushed Fitz through the ropes, and shot him with a right hand swing. Fitz took the count of nine and rose groggy. Lang was at him fiercely as soon as he regained his feet, battering the tottering veteran about the ring. He forced Fitz against the ropes and with a hard right upper cut on the jaw, sent him down and out.

Lang was a strong favorite in the betting at odds of 1 to 2. His weight was announced as 188 pounds, while Fitz gave his as 150 pounds. Arthur Scott was the referee. The weather was warm and 12,000 spectators witnessed the fight.

POLICEMAN BEATEN
AND HE MAY DIE

Samuel Webster of Suncook, N. H., Tried to Arrest a Man for Intoxication and Was Set Upon by Two Others.

Suncook, N. H., Dec. 27.—Samuel Webster, night police officer in this town, was beaten so severely by ruffians while on his beat early Sunday morning that it is regarded as doubtful if he will recover.

Webster undertook to arrest a man belonging in Allenstown for drunkenness, when he was set upon by two other men, supposed to have been friends of the original offender, his body being taken from him, and he was beaten into insensibility with it. The physicians who are caring for the injured man at his home say he has concussion of the brain. The identity of none of the three men responsible for the affair is known as yet.

HEARING RESUMED

In Case of E. Alice Averill Against A. B. Averill Estate.

A continuation of the hearing in the case of E. Alice Averill against the estate of Andrew B. Averill is in progress this afternoon at the office of Attorney R. A. Hoar, before Hon. E. W. Smith of Wells River, as master in chancery. Mrs. Averill is represented by Attorneys Frank Plumley of Northfield and G. P. Hoar of St. Albans, while Attorneys George W. Wing of Montpelier and R. A. Hoar of this city appear for the estate.

It is expected that all of the witnesses in the case will be heard before the hearing is finally adjourned.

36 BASKETS
FOR NEEDY

Were Distributed by Salvation Army in Barre

AND FIFTY IN MONTPELIER

Christmas Cheer Brought Into Many Homes Here, Otherwise, There Might Have Been Want—Other Observance of the Day.

The local Salvation Army made its usual record for the distribution of Christmas cheer to the needy families of the city Saturday, when it distributed 36 baskets, to as many families, who might otherwise have fared poorly. Like every other community of any size, no matter how prosperous, Barre has a few poor families, who at times are almost destitute and it is to these the Salvation Army officers as a body, each Christmas, bring cheer and comfort.

Early Saturday morning the members of the local branch, under the direction of Adjutant Hanson, started out with a team, delivering baskets to the few needy families of the city that they were able to find. A systematic canvass had failed to find more than 30 families who would admit that they were in need and would accept the help of the army. It was to these homes that the baskets, laden with good things were taken, and, owing to the entrance of the army, there was Christmas cheer and plenty, instead of want.

In each of the baskets was a plump chicken, and with it all of the necessary vegetables and other fixings for a Christmas dinner. It was only by systematic delivery that the money was raised to defray the expenses of the dinner. For the past 10 days, Adjutant Hanson had a kettle on North Main street to receive the contributions of the pedestrians, and Mrs. Samuel Bennett made a canvass of the houses and got much money in this way. Vegetables were contributed by the farmers so freely that there was a considerable quantity left to be distributed later.

According to its usual custom, the Christmas tree for the children will not be held until a few days after Christmas. It will be held at 7:30 Thursday evening at Salvation Army hall, with appropriate exercises, and each child will receive a gift of some kind and there will be pop corn and candy for all.

The Montpelier corps of the Salvation Army also contributed dinner baskets to the needy. Although the door of the barracks there bore the placard announcing that the baskets would not be given until nine o'clock Saturday morning, a line of people waited on the steps as long before that time and waited patiently for Captains Bickins and McAlvey to open the doors. Within a short time after the place was opened, the army officers had given out the fifty baskets, each one of which contained enough food for a dinner party of five people.

During the few days before Christmas, the Salvation Army people had investigated, personally, every needy case that was reported to them, so that there would be no distribution, except to those who actually needed the assistance. They had kept a kettle on the street and had solicited contributions, as the three corps and some. They felt more than repaid for their efforts in watching the happy expressions on the faces of the people they had been instrumental in helping.

CHILDREN MADE HAPPY.

350 of Them Gathered for St. Monica Celebration.

At 2 o'clock Christmas afternoon, about 350 of the school children of St. Monica's parish met in K. of C. hall to enjoy their annual Christmas tree. The presentation of a very pretty appearance, with its beautifully decorated boughs and the happy expression of so many little faces waiting for Santa. They were not disappointed, as the generosity of their devoted pastor, Rev. Fr. McKenna, had provided a food supply of candy and pop corn. Messrs. Antoine Burke and Robert Murphy sent Santa laden with fruit. D. J. Sweeney, too, with his usual wit and humor, added much to the enjoyment of all.

The following program was creditably rendered: Piano solo, Miss Kathleen O'Leary; vocal solo, Miss Lorraine Lorange; recitation, "Legend of the Holly," catechism class; instrumental duet, Misses Kathleen and Mildred Fitzgerald; Christmas carol, St. Agnes choir; piano solo, Master Alden Burke; vocal duet, Misses Lorange and Burke; Christmas greeting and song, music class.

"IS SANTA CLAUS A FAKE?"

Course Not, and He Walked in to Prove It.

Santa Claus visited the schoolhouse in the Boutwell district Saturday night and delighted the hearts of young and old, of whom there were 101 gathered for the Christmas festivities. There were speaking and singing by the children, followed by the presentation of the Christmas play, "Is Santa Claus a Fake?" by the parts taken by Miss Burbank's class in the Sunday school. Each one of the fourteen young men and young women took his part well, and the costumes were well got up. The entire production was very creditable. After this Santa Claus himself walked in, as if in mild protest of the skepticism as to his reality. Dr. C. N. Barber acted as the medium for Santa and distributed the presents. The tree was lavishly laden with presents, and Santa officiated to the delight of all present. The Boutwell Sunday school has been a decided success, the attendance at times ranging as high as 47 a Sunday. All are cordially invited.

THE CHRISTMAS CHEER

Was Uppermost in the Churches of Barre Sunday.

Appropriate Christmas exercises were given yesterday at nearly all of the

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He Had Served as Postmaster and Held Many Other Positions—Wm. Bruce, Once a Granite Manufacturer, Died Yesterday.

Clark Holden, one of Barre's best known residents, passed away at two o'clock Christmas morning at his home, 14 South Main street. Two weeks ago Friday, he underwent an operation at the City hospital for hernia, his health during the past few months having become so serious that an operation was the only means of relieving his suffering.

In spite of his advanced age, he stood the operation well, and the wound healed rapidly. The shock of the operation, however, affected his mind and though at first it was not thought that this would be serious, as his condition was otherwise so favorable, it brought on a nervous collapse, and last Friday evening hopes for his recovery were given up.

The funeral will be held from the late home Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. The Rev. Francis A. Poole of Worcester, Mass., a former pastor of the Congregational church in this city, will officiate. The interment will be in the Elmwood cemetery.

Mr. Holden was for many years an active and well known business man and when Barre was a village corporation he held many offices of trust. He was 75 years of age, having been born November 17, 1834, on a farm on the Williams town road, just out of the village of South Barre. His father, William Holden, who died when the son was seven years of age, was the leading capitalist in this vicinity in those days, and built the old Methodist and Congregational churches, the old Thawing house and many of the old brick houses in the town. His mother's name was Luthera Galt.

He received his education in the district school and at the Barre academy. After the death of his father, he lived four years in the family of Israel Wood, and from there he went to live with Orvis French and until he became a clerk in Mr. French's store, which was located at that time where the Granite Savings bank now stands.

On becoming a clerk, he bought out the store and conducted the business until 1865, when he, together with Frank A. Stafford, bought the fork shop and established the Stafford, Holden & company firm, which was conducted until 1870, when a stock company was formed under the name of Stafford & Holden Manufacturing company. Mr. Holden was superintendent of this company until 1888, when he was appointed postmaster by President Cleveland. He was postmaster at the time the office was moved from the old town hall building into the opera house building that was burned in 1898. This position he held for five years and three months.

In 1880, Mr. Holden and John Trow established the well known firm of Trow & Holden, granite tool manufacturers, which business they continued until July, 1900, when they sold out to Mr. Holden's son, William M. Holden, who, on account of the business having become too extensive for the old plant on Granite street, purchased the old fork shop building and has there the largest and most modern plant for the manufacture of granite tools in the state.

Reside being postmaster, Mr. Holden was the first clerk and treasurer of Barre village in 1860, to which office he was elected sixteen times. He also served the village as bailiff, justice of the peace, member of the school board for six years, and for many years was one of the cemetery commissioners. He was town clerk and treasurer at the time the town bonded to have the Central Vermont railroad run into the village. He was one of the oldest Masons in the city and was the first secretary of Granite lodge, holding that office for about 10 years. He was one of the organizers of Trow & Holden company, No. 1, the first fire company organized in Barre, and was its foreman for 25 years.

On January 6, 1857, he married Miss Myra D. Albee, who survives him. Two years ago they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. He also leaves a daughter, Mrs. George N. Tilden, and a son, William M. Holden, of this city; a brother, George, and a sister, Mrs. George Whitcomb, of Claremont, N. H.

PASTOR GIVEN PURSE.

And Episcopal People of Westerville Meet in New Church Vestry.

Christmas day was a red letter day in the history of St. John the Baptist church, Westerville. Service was held in the vestry for the first time on Christmas night at 7 o'clock. Evening prayer was said by the rector, Rev. W. J. M. Beattie, who gave a very appropriate and forcible address, which was much appreciated by all. Before the hour of service had arrived, every available seat was occupied, and by the time the service was over, a very comfortable standing room was taken. After the service, the Christmas tree and exercises followed. The children acquitted themselves very creditably in recitations and the singing of carols. After the exercises, the tree was relieved of its burden. During the evening, the Rev. W. J. M. Beattie was presented a purse of money, in grateful recognition of his services. The people are very enthusiastic over their new church. The corner-stone was laid in June and the mission was started only a year ago last June. The people did not think of building a church until last Easter. The building is a modern wooden structure, 30x60, with stone foundation. The basement, which is all above ground, is the full size of the building. Mr. Jarvis of Burlington has given a nice new organ, which is greatly appreciated by the congregation and rector. The people feel very thankful for the progress they have made during the past year. It is expected that the church will be completed early in January, 1910.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE.

Held by St. Aidan's Commandery Saturday at Noon.

A special convocation of St. Aidan's commandery, No. 11, Knights Templar, was held Saturday afternoon for its annual Christmas observance. A special feature of the meeting was the hanging in the council chamber of a large framed picture of Dr. O. H. Reed, who has been excellent prelate of the commandery for about eight years. The meeting was largely attended by local and visiting brethren. In the absence of the Excellent Commander, George N. Tilden, the meeting was presided over by Generalissimo D. F. Davis. Among the visitors present were C. D. Waters of Montpelier, John Whalen of Boston and M. B. Hayward of Middlebury.

BOY HURT WHILE SKATING.

John W. Sprague of Chelsea Sustained Concussion by Fall.

Chelsea, Dec. 27.—While skating Saturday afternoon, John W. Sprague received a severe fall, striking his head upon the ice with such force as to render him unconscious. His only companion, the basketball player, who is all alone of the situation, ran nearly a half mile and notified Mrs. Sprague, and then returned on the run to the scene of the accident, where he found his companion still unconscious and prostrate on the ice. At that time some teams came along, and at the solicitation of young Bruce John was taken to his home, and a physician summoned, who found he had sustained a severe concussion, but no evidence of a fracture of the skull. After reaching home he soon regained consciousness and up to this writing every symptom is favorable to a speedy recovery. Young Sprague, who is but twelve years old, displayed courage and presence of mind.

MARRIED IN GROTON.

Miss Irene Paige and Claud Maxfield the Parties.

Groton, Dec. 27.—Claud Maxfield, a former principle of the local school, was in town last week and took away with him one of Groton's most popular young ladies, Miss Irene Paige. They were married Wednesday afternoon at the home of the bride by Rev. S. B. Myers. A reception followed in the evening at the opera house, and was attended by a large number. The young couple left Thursday to visit Mr. Maxfield's parents at Somers, N. H., before going to Schenectady, N. Y., where they are to reside.

MANY WIRES DOWN.

Storm Worked Great Havoc in Southern New England.

The great storm of yesterday in southern New England prostrated the telephone and telegraph wires so much that communication was not fully resumed even today, and wires to Boston were still down this afternoon. The company experienced the worst time in several years, and the tidal wave which swept into Massachusetts bay was the biggest since 1851, when Minot's light in Boston harbor was destroyed.

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The death of William Bruce, one of the pioneer Scotchmen in Barre and a member of one of the first firms of granite manufacturers, occurred at his home, 1154 1/2 South Main street, at nine o'clock yesterday morning. He had been in failing health for the past three years and for several months had been confined to his home. The cause of death was tuberculosis of the lungs.

William Bruce was born in Peterhead, Scotland, October 23, 1853. He attended the public schools in that city and learned the granite cutting trade there. He came to the United States in 1875 and worked at his trade in various parts of this country and Canada. He was married in 1878 to Miss Mary E. Robinson of Robinson, Maine, and came to Barre in 1885, since which time practically all of his life had been spent in this city. Soon after coming to Barre, Mr. Bruce entered into a partnership with his brother, Alex. Bruce, under the firm name of Bruce Brothers, and they manufactured granite for several years in the sheds now known as the Vermont Granite company property.

His first wife died in 1880, and he was again married in 1892 to Mrs. Julia Mc-

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EMORY FULLER PERKINS.

Plainfield Resident Died Friday and was Buried Yesterday.

The funeral of Emory Fuller Perkins, who died Friday of pneumonia at his home in Plainfield, was held from the Methodist church in Plainfield village yesterday afternoon at two o'clock, the Rev. A. W. Hewitt officiating. The interment was in the Center cemetery. The deceased was 71 years of age and is survived by two sons and a daughter.

BIG HEN POPULATION.

Being Cooped for the Annual Exhibit of the Vermont Poultry Association.

The Vermont Poultry association of Barre is to-day getting ready for the largest lot of birds that has ever been cooped in Barre at any one time. This association, with the help of the public, has made its show as good as poultry breeders all over the state and some from other states find it to their advantage to attend this show, with good strings of birds. Our largest breeders here in Barre are showing more than the usual amount of interest in this show, which they all say is to be a record-breaker.

They have attractions that they are offering, such as door prizes. These door prizes will be given on tickets sold Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and will be such as will create lots of interest and of value worth accepting, such as boxes of candy, dozens of fresh eggs, sack of flour, a pig and several other things. Thursday will be ladies' day and those who have children under 12 years of age can take them in free. The management of this poultry association is trying to have its show so good that everyone will feel as though they must go once, if not more. The new garage makes an excellent show room, with plenty of light on Main street, handy for everyone. The electric cars pass the door every few minutes.

CHANGED PLEA TO GUILTY.

Charles Bovine Went to County Jail to Serve 30 Days.

Charles Bovine, who was arrested Friday evening for intoxication by Deputy Sheriff W. F. Cutler of South Barre, pleaded guilty in the city court this morning to a subsequent offense and was sentenced by Judge Scott to serve 30 days in the county jail. Bovine was arraigned in city court Saturday morning and pleaded not guilty, and his case was continued for a hearing until this morning, when he decided to change his plea to guilty.

Angus McLean of Williamstown was arrested Saturday by Deputy Sheriff Cutler on a warrant charging him with breach of the peace for an alleged scrap with Malcolm McAlay at South Barre, last Thursday. McLean was arraigned before Judge Scott, as justice, Saturday morning, and the case was continued until Tuesday morning.

The breach of the peace case against Luigi Barberi, who was arrested Friday on a warrant, alleging an altercation with two men in the Co-operative store, was not pressed by Grand Juror Davis this morning, for lack of evidence to warrant trying the case.

BROWN—REID.

Well Known Granite Cutter Married on Christmas Eve.

William Brown of Grant avenue and Miss Margaret Reid, his housekeeper, were quietly married Friday evening at the Presbyterian parsonage on Spaulding street, Rev. J. D. MacKenzie officiating. The bride and groom were attended by Mr. and Mrs. John Cheever. Mr. Brown is a well known granite cutter of this city, and at the present time is chairman of the lookout committee of Barre branch.

FARRAND—DOW.

East Montpelier People Recently Married in Plainfield.

Plainfield, Dec. 27.—T. S. Farrand and Miss Winnifred Dow, both of East Montpelier, were united in marriage, December 22, at the Congregational parsonage in Plainfield by Rev. Perrin B. Fiske, who had known them for many years. John Fowler, Jr., and wife, the latter a sister of the bride, were witnesses to the event.

GRANITE FIRM MOVES.

Coburn & Harper Purchase Walker & Son's Plant.

Alex. Coburn and Alex. Harper, who have been conducting a granite manufacturing business for the past three years in the E. L. Smith shed on the Burnham meadow, have completed a deal for the purchase of the Walker & Son's plant on the Goldsbury meadow.

Growing business forced Coburn & Harper to find larger quarters and they will take possession of their new plant about February first.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

The visit of the Tufts college musical club to our town should be hailed with delight by our music-loving public. Boston critics say that Tufts has as fine a musical organization as any American college.

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Quarry Company to Turn Out Western Order.

The Wetmore & Morse Granite company, one of the largest quarrying concerns in Barre, resumed operations today after being shut down, practically five weeks because of the tie-up of the Washington county manufacturing concerns. The resumption of work was decided upon last Friday, in order to fill orders from the West, for which there was an insistent demand. The company put sixty men at work this morning, which were all its old employees that could be reached at the present time.

The company employs about a hundred men under ordinary conditions, but during the past few weeks many of the men left Graniteville and Westerville to visit at their former homes, most of them to Canadian points. Once before, during the present disturbance in the manufacturing end of the granite industry, the Wetmore & Morse company started up and continued for a week and then shut down until today. It is possible that the present orders on hand, for which there is a rush, will make it necessary to run for a week. If the trouble should be settled before the orders are turned out, the quarry will not shut down again; otherwise, another vacation will be taken. Business at the other quarries is quiet at the present time.

TWO BARNS BURNED.

A. M. Morrison of This City Was Owner. Cause Not Known.

A. M. Morrison of this city lost two barns, located on his farm between Graniteville and Washington. Saturday afternoon, together with their contents, the cause of the fire is not known, but it is supposed that someone was trespassing on the property and set the buildings afire, either by accident or by design. The farm was not occupied, and so far as Mr. Morrison knows no one had been there since Friday afternoon, when some men were there to carry off part of the hay and ensilage which they had bought.

Edwin Carleton had purchased part of the fifty tons of hay and had carried away some of it, while the Smith Stock farm proprietors had bought 25 tons of ensilage and were carrying it off. The set of buildings consisted of two barns and a shed, and in them were some lumber, a wagon, a mowing-machine and some other tools. The insurance on the barns was \$300 and on the crops and tools \$600.

The farm is known as the Downing farm but has been owned by Mr. Morrison for twenty-two years.

GRANITE FIRM MOVES.

Coburn & Harper Purchase Walker & Son's Plant.

Alex. Coburn and Alex. Harper, who have been conducting a granite manufacturing business for the past three years in the E. L. Smith shed on the Burnham meadow, have completed a deal for the purchase of the Walker & Son's plant on the Goldsbury meadow.

Growing business forced Coburn & Harper to find larger quarters and they will take possession of their new plant about February first.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

The visit of the Tufts college musical club to our town should be hailed with delight by our music-loving public. Boston critics say that Tufts has as fine a musical organization as any American college.